Food Safety Cooperation Forum: Export Certificate Workshop

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Why Export Certificates?

- In 2011, APEC leaders called for the reduction of unnecessary requirements in official export certificates for agricultural products and the elimination of requirements that are not based on science.

- 53% of those surveyed in a report conducted by the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) view certification as the most burdensome sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measure.
2017 Export Certificate Workshop

- 19 of 21 APEC economies participated
- Speakers from 6 countries

Key issues:
- Good regulatory practices in setting certificate requirements
  - Trust and Confidence
  - Assessing risk
  - Science basis
  - Other assurances
- Commodity case studies (including wine!)
- Operationalizing Codex model certificates
- ½ day workshop on possible dairy sector work in 2018
Outcomes and Next steps

• **2018/9 workshop:**
  - Implementing a risk-based approach to export certificates
  - Operationalizing model Codex certificates
  - Other assurances and commercial documents
  - Non-food safety export certificates (organic, halal, etc…)
  - Electronic or paperless certification
  - Dairy Pilot

• **Update of:**
  - APEC Export Certificate Roadmap
  - Principles Document

• **Key documents:**
  - Brochure: Streamlining Export Certificate Requirements for Food products in the APEC Region
  - Dictionary of Export Certificate Terms
  - Compendium of Export Certificate Requirements by APEC Economies

THANK YOU

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